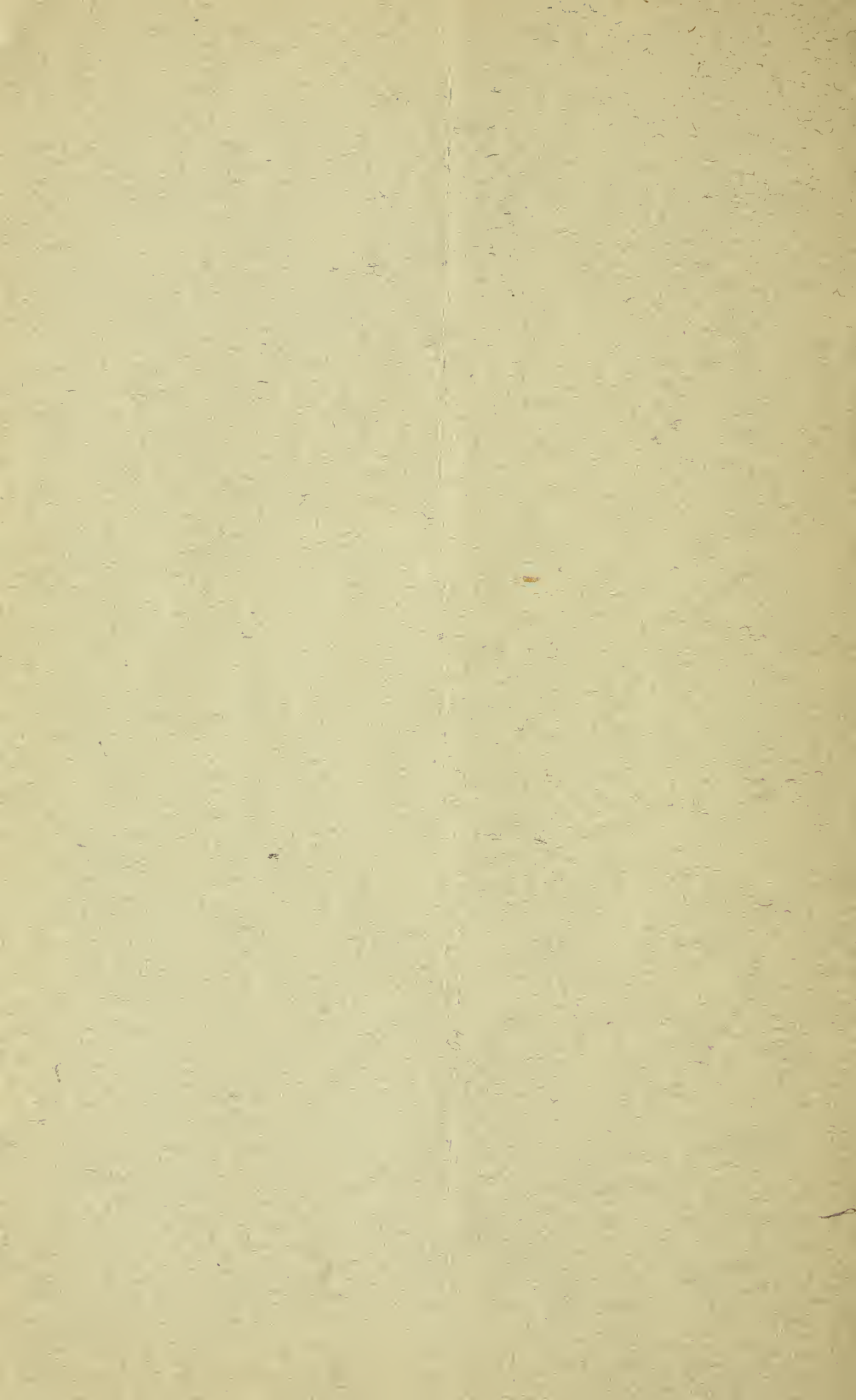



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TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

— FOR —

THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1922



BRISTOL, N. H.

MUSGROVE PRINTING HOUSE

1922

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

BARRON S. KINNE

CLERK, TREASURER, HEALTH OFFICER AND LAND AGENT

CHARLIE D. JEWELL

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

BURT H. GOULD

POLICE OFFICER

PERLEY MATTHEWS

SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION

A. A. REMICK

HOWARD HALL

LIBRARIAN

AGNES A. LANE

SELECTMEN

S. E. LANE

E. G. GOULD

H. R. HALL

SCHOOL BOARD

S. E. LANE

M. F. MATTHEWS

E. G. GOULD

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1923 compared with Actual Revenues and Expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1922.

Sources of revenues	1921	Estimated 1922
From state:		
Savings bank tax	\$133.66	\$135.00
For highways		
State aid maintenance	401.09	400.00
From local sources except taxes		
Interest on liberty bonds	\$14.88	14.88
Auto registration fees	97.60	97.60
From poll taxes	430.00	400.00
Revenue applicable only to new construction	250.00	250.00
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Total revenue from all sources except property taxes	\$1,326.23	\$1,297.48
Amount raised by property taxes	\$8,147.56	\$8,147.56
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Total revenues	\$9,473.79	\$9,445.04

Purposes of expenditures	Estimated	
	1921	1922
Current maintenance expenses		
Town officers' salaries	\$590.27	\$590.27
Town officers' expenses	76.60	50.00
Fire department	3.00	3.00
Bounties	19.00	19.00
Health department	20.00	20.00
Vital statistics	4.15	4.15
Highways and bridges		
State aid maintenance		
State contribution	167.18	200.00
Town contribution	1,073.03	200.00
Town maintenance	2,306.39	2,500.00
General expense of highway dept.	12.41	25.00
Education, libraries	50.00	50.00
Interest, temporary loans	129.20	150.00
Outlay for new construction		
State aid construction contribution	250.00	250.00
Town's contribution	250.00	250.00
Indebtedness		
Payment on long term note		500.00
Payment to other governmental divisions		
State taxes	1,462.50	1,200.00
County taxes	567.84	567.84
Payments to school districts	1,847.87	1,847.87
Total expenditures	<u>\$8,829.44</u>	<u>\$8,427.13</u>

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY OF THE
TOWN OF GROTON, N. H., APRIL 1, 1921

Lands and buildings	\$297,550.00
Horses, 81	10,075.00
Oxen, 12	1,575.00
Cows, 85	5,270.00
Other neat, 21	930.00
Sheep, 21	105.00
Fowls, 200	250.00
Vehicles, 1	50.00
Portable mills, 4	2,950.00
Wood and lumber	2,550.00
Money on hand	1,070.00
Stock in trade	9,650.00
Mills and machinery	6,400.00

\$338,425.00

Polls at \$3.00, 11	
Polls at \$5.00, 100	
Rate per \$100.00, \$2.25	
Soldiers exempt	\$2,000.00
Taxes levied	
Property	\$6,694.87
Polls	533.00

We certify that the above is a correct transcript of the footings of each column of taxable property, the amount of taxes levied and the rate of taxation in the town of Groton in the year 1921 as made and reported to the State Tax Commission.

S. E. LANE,

H. R. HALL,

E. G. GOULD,

Selectmen of Groton.

APPROPRIATIONS

Made at Town Meeting March 1921

Town charges	\$500.00
Highways and bridges	300.00
Books for library	50.00
Toilet at Town House (to be built)	50.00
State aid	
Construction	474.00
Maintenance	250.00
State tax	1,182.52
County tax	567.84
Schools, 1921-1922	1,700.00
School officers' salaries	150.00
Repairs	100.00
Per capita tax to state	90.00
Overlay	33.22

TOWN OF GROTON BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY 31, 1922

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer		\$827.98
Liberty bonds owned by town		350.00
Accounts due town		
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balance in State treasury		313.64
Bounties		19.00
Due to town from school district		235.87
Taxes not collected		
Levy of 1919	\$24.42	
Levy of 1920	327.50	
Levy of 1921	1,219.16	
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Total assets		<hr/> \$3,317.57
Excess of liabilities over assets		619.74
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Grand total		\$3,937.31
Net debt, surplus Jan. 31, 1921	\$584.85	
Net debt, surplus Jan. 31, 1922	619.74	
Increase of debt	34.89	

Liabilities

Accounts owed by the town		
Dog licenses		\$31.80
School money raised by town		740.00

Joint highway account	
Balance in state treasury	\$313.64
Balance in town treasury	851.87
Outstanding temporary loans	2,000.00
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Total liabilities	\$3,937.31

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town house, land and buildings	\$1,000.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Library	550.00
Furniture and equipment	10.00
Highway department equipment	200.00
Highway department material	50.00
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Total	\$2,010.00

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF GROTON

For the year ending Jan. 31, 1922

Money received:	
From collector, 1919	\$13.84
collector, 1920	563.07
collector, 1920, interest on taxes	2.15
collector, 1921	6,928.40
selectmen	1,850.23
In hands of treasurer, Jan. 31, 1921	927.16
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Total	\$10,284.85
Orders paid out	9,456.87
In hands of treasurer, Jan. 31, 1922	\$827.98

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLIE D. JEWELL, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

Groton, N. H., February 25, 1922.

WILLIAM G. HUBER,
A. A. REMICK,
Auditors.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From local taxes		
Amount committed to collector		
1921	\$8,147.56	
Less abatements 1921	103.87	
Less uncollected 1921	1,219.16	
Property taxes current year actually collected		\$6,498.40
Poll taxes current year actually collected, 10 at \$3.00		30.00
80 at \$5.00		400.00
Property and poll taxes previous years actually collected		576.91
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Total of above collections	\$7,505.31	
Tax sales redeemed		71.20
From state		
For state aid maintenance	\$401.09	
For state aid construction	250.00	
	<hr/>	651.09
Savings bank tax		133.66
From local sources except taxes		
Dog licenses		31.80
Interest received on taxes		2.15
Interest received on liberty bonds		14.88
Permits for registration of motor vehicles		97.60
Other than current revenue		
Temporary loans		850.00
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Total receipts from all sources	\$9,357.69	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1921		927.16
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Grand total		\$10,284.85

PAYMENTS

General government	
Town officers' salaries	\$590.27
Town officers' expenses	76.60
Protection of persons and property	
Fire department	3.00
Bounties	19.00
Health	
Health department	20.00
Vital statistics	4.15
Highways and bridges	
State aid maintenance	27.50
Town maintenance	2,306.39
Expenses of highway department	12.41
Libraries	
Books	50.00
Unclassified	
Damages and legal expenses	102.06
Abatements	208.47
Interest	
Paid on temporary loans	129.20
Outlay for new construction	
State aid construction	1,171.61
Town construction	8.00
Indebtedness	
Payment on temporary loan	850.00
Payment to other governmental divisions	
Taxes paid to state	1,462.50
Taxes paid to county	567.84
Payments to school districts	1,847.87
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Total payments for all purposes	\$9,456.87

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1922	\$827.98
Grand total	<u>\$10,284.85</u>

ABATEMENTS

E. E. Elder, 1920	\$44.00
H. B. Kenrick, 1920	26.40
B. H. Gould, collector, 1921	103.87
P. H. Plume, collector, 1919	7.80
P. H. Plume, collector, 1920	26.40
Total abatements	<u>\$208.47</u>

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

S. E. Lane, selectman	\$84.00
H. R. Hall, selectman	45.50
E. G. Gould, selectman	42.00
W. H. Hunkins, selectman	12.00
P. H. Plume, collector	172.85
Burt Gould, collector	95.67
A. A. Lane, librarian	15.00
Della Johnson, assistant librarian	7.50
William Huber and A. A. Remick, auditors	6.00
C. D. Jewell, treasurer	60.00
C. D. Jewell, clerk	30.00
C. D. Jewell, land agent	2.00
A. A. Remick, supervisor	5.00
B. S. Kinne, supervisor, making tax deed	12.75
Total	<u>\$590.27</u>

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

S. E. Lane, hedgehog bounties	\$14.00
S. E. Lane, cat bounties	5.00
Perley, damages to auto	20.00
Musgrove Printing House, Town Reports	72.00
Jackman Lang, treasurer's bond	6.00
Fred W. Brown, collector's bond	6.00
E. G. Gould, horse hire	5.30
Plymouth Record, tax bills	2.56
C. D. Jewell, fire warden, health officer	5.00
C. D. Jewell, auto permits, vital statistics	6.90
Dr. E. Ladd, vital statistics, 1920	.75
Dr. J. Wheeler, medical attendance, 1919	20.00
F. E. Matthews, tools for bridge, 1919	5.41
S. E. Lane, auto, team, car fare and postage	48.00
H. R. Hall, horse hire	4.80
W. H. Hunkins, horse hire, 1920	6.50
Assessors' Association dues	2.00
A. A. Lane, librarian for books	50.00
Z. G. Taylor, repairing grader	4.00
Joseph Huber, road through field, 1919	3.00

EXPENDITURES FOR MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Districts 1 and 2. Frankie Butterfield, Surveyor

Bill of May 7	\$92.40
June 4	86.76
July 2	37.10
Sept. 3	55.14
Nov. 10	25.62
Jan. 31	18.61
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	\$315.63

District 3. C. E. Matthews, Surveyor

Bill of May 2 (D. H. Powers)	\$12.50
July 2	136.30
Sept. 3	52.60
Jan. 31	14.00
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	\$215.40

District 4. F. O. Matthews, Surveyor

Bill of July 2	\$56.00
Nov. 10	6.00
Jan. 31 (Mrs. W. S. Brown)	9.33
Jan. 31 (Harold P. Brown)	5.00
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	\$76.33

Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12. E. W. Holt, Surveyor

Bill of May 7	\$76.50
May 7 (E. Houle)	108.00
May 9 (Fletcher Parris)	135.00
June 4	123.00
July 2	120.00
July 2 (E. Houle)	115.50
Sept. 3	13.00
Nov. 10	36.00
Dec. 8	32.00
Jan. 13	85.50
Jan. 31	80.82
Jan. 31 (E. Houle)	41.32
Jan. 31 (E. Houle)	18.65
Jan. 31, S. Kate	12.50
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	\$997.79

District 6. Fred Kidder, Surveyor

Bill of May 7	\$76.50
June 4	23.16
July 2	14.00
Jan. 13	18.36
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	\$132.02

District 9. H. W. Hall, Surveyor

Bill of May 7	\$14.91
June 4	21.00
Aug. 12	91.23
Oct. 1	21.16

Bill of Nov. 15	\$25.00
Jan. 31	6.33
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	\$179.63

District 12. E. A. Eastman, Surveyor

Bill of Sept. 3	\$14.92
Jan. 31	4.60
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	\$19.52

Groton Hollow Road. J. S. Kelley, Surveyor

Bill of Nov. 10	\$10.50
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MISCELLANEOUS TOWN HIGHWAY
MAINTENANCE BILLS

C. R. Suydam, road work for 1920	\$4.00
P. H. Plume, road work for 1920	49.50
C. N. Merrill, cement for Phelps bridge, 1919	8.00
J. A. Rogers, plank	38.84
L. H. Loveland, plank	23.36
A. G. Burt, plank	76.44
J. E. Cilley, plank	57.00
R. C. Stevens, plank	6.72

EXPENDED FOR STATE AID MAINTENANCE

South Groton Road. Supervision of C. E. Matthews

Bill of Oct. 11	\$27.50
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EXPENDED FOR STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Brook Road. Supervision of S. E. Lane

Bill of Sept. 12	\$451.41
Sept. 24	113.16
Oct 1	261.50
Nov. 10	345.54
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	\$1,171.61

Groton, N. H., Feb. 25, 1922.

We, the undersigns, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM G. HUBER,
ALFRED A. REMICK,
Auditors.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On hand at beginning of year	\$4.32	
Received from town	50.00	
Fines	2.03	
Membership fees	.62	
Amount in hands of assistant librarian from fines and membership fees at North Groton	3.24	
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Books bought	\$35.22	
Postage and supplies	2.17	
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Total expenditures		\$37.39
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Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1922		\$19.58 22-82

RESOURCES

Books owned at beginning of year	1,401	
Books added by purchase	28	
Books added by gifts	7	
Federal, state, and town documents	25	
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Books destroyed		1
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Total number of books owned at end of year		1,460
Magazines currently received		2

SERVICE

Volumes of non-fiction lent	11	
Volumes of fiction lent	793	
Volumes unbound magazines lent	15	
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Total current circulation for year		819
New borrowers added during year	44	
Regular borrowers	49	
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Total borrowers during year		93

AGNES A. LANE,
Librarian and Treasurer.

Groton, N. H., Jan. 31, 1922.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the School District of Groton:

I present herein my annual report as superintendent of schools.

STATISTICAL TABLE

School	Teacher	Weeks	Total Enroll.	Average Member.	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
Groton	Annie M. Esty	36	22	16	14	88
North Groton	Edna D. Gould	36	22	18	13	72
Totals			44	34	27	79

It will be seen that in both schools we completed the full legal year of thirty-six weeks. This is an improvement upon the preceding year, when the schools averaged but thirty-four.

The schools have been furnished with new texts in geography, for all texts in geography were made obsolete by the great war. A beginning has been made in providing new spellers, for recent investigations in children's vocabulary and in methods of teaching spelling make the new texts much more valuable than the old. An inexpensive, but efficient and satisfactory method of teaching handwriting has been introduced.

The legislature, at its last session, amended the educational act in various particulars. It is now necessary for towns asking for state aid to raise one-half of one per cent upon the equalized valuation of the district, instead of upon the selectmen's valuation, as heretofore. This amounts, in the case of Groton, to \$1,667.18.

The legislature also directed, in the amended act, that in case the total approved budgets amounted to more than the sum appropriated by the legislature the state board should keep within the appropriation by cutting off those towns which had raised for public education the least amount per thousand dollars of equalized valuation. This year the amount of the approved budget exceeds the appropriation. A list of the 256 school districts of the state, arranged in order of current local expenditures for public education, from Bartlett Special district, with expenditures of \$21.39 to Hart's Location, with expenditures of \$.40, places Groton in the 196th place, with expenditures of \$6.54. This places Groton in the list of towns cut off by the legislature. The same act, however, leaves five per cent of the appropriation to be expended at the discretion of the state board. Out of this amount the board has granted Groton the sum of \$324.95. Of this \$91.51 is already in hand, in the form of an unexpended balance of the grant of the preceding year, leaving \$233.44 to be paid this year. This in contrast to the \$1,032.02 which had been approved as state aid to Groton. It will be seen that the change in the law has worked greatly to the disadvantage of the district, entailing a loss of some seven hundred dollars of expected state aid. This will of course leave a deficit in this year's accounts unless the coming school meeting makes such appropriation as the school board deems necessary to cover the costs of maintaining schools to the close of the present school year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. BRECK,
Superintendent of Schools.

ESTIMATES

For Year 1922-23

Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel, medical inspection, text-books, pupils' and janitors' supplies	\$1,682.00
Minor repairs	90.00
Transportation	720.00
Elementary school tuition	324.00
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	\$2,816.00
One-half of one per cent of equalized valuation	\$1,667.18
High school tuition	55.00
Per capita tax	90.00
District officers	150.00
Superintendent's salary, census, truant officer, etc.	127.00
Loan from town to school district, 1921-22	235.87
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Total to be raised by district	\$2,325.05

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils not absent or tardy for the school year 1920-21

Spring term: Harry B. Gould.

Not absent or tardy for full year: Geraldine D. Gould, Mary A. Gould, Normena A. Esty, Nelia L. Esty, Laurice M. Esty.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

Money received from town	\$2,129.50
Money received from state	717.88
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Total	\$2,847.38
Orders paid	2,842.85
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In hands of treasurer Sept. 1, 1921	\$4.53

C. D. JEWELL,
School Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

WILLIAM G. HUBER,
A. A. REMICK,
Auditors.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES BY SCHOOL BOARD

School money out from Sept. 1, 1920 to Sept. 1, 1921

Annie Esty, teaching	\$720.00
Edna D. Gould, teaching	595.44
Margaret Matthews, conveying scholars	441.00
Lena Marshall, conveying scholars	175.00
E. G. Gould	35.00
C. A. Breck	30.15
Karl Cavis	18.75
Fletcher & Kidder	2.70
Frank O. Matthews	4.00
Edson C. Eastman	4.00
B. H. & E. G. Gould	20.00
C. A. Breck	9.00
C. E. Matthews	28.00
State Board of Education	152.00
Margaret Matthews	7.00
Lewis C. Dane	276.00
Margaret Matthews	1.55
S. E. Lane	1.80
State Treasurer	40.00
Mason Perkins Paper Corp.	2.13
Jackman & Lang, treasurer's bond	3.00
T. Jefferson	3.00
E. G. Gould	9.50
S. E. Lane	17.50
G. D. Kidder	4.00
R. E. Lane	.56
Charles Scribner Sons	1.98
C. B. Dolge & Co.	5.50

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$3.41
Ginn & Co.	1.80
D. C. Heath & Co.	2.37
Milton Bradley Co.	9.46
E. E. Babb & Co.	12.06
P. H. Plume	10.00
E. C. Eastman	12.00
Town of Dorchester	84.00
C. A. Breck	4.59
Karl Cavis	56.25
C. D. Jewell, over draft	13.81
American Book Co.	12.54
C. D. Jewell	12.00
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Total	\$2,842.85

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES RECORDED

1921

- Dec. 16 Donald E. Esty, Hebron to
Della M. Jewell, Groton.
28 Dana O. Huntress, Newton Jct. to
Bertha B. Remick, Groton

BIRTHS RECORDED

- Sept. 11 Eva Irene Siro

DEATHS RECORDED

- Feb. 11 Cora E. Eastman, age 44
Apr. 7 Cornelius Saydom, age 21
June 26 John P. Brown, age 72
Dec. 27 Nellie B. Gould, age 62

CHARLIE D. JEWELL.

